

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 22, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1-16, 23-35, 38, 44 and 45. By way of the foregoing amendments and the markings to show change claim 1 has been twice amended, claims 39 and 44 have been once amended, claims 2-16 are original from the issued patent, claims 23-35 and 38 are new previously presented and claims 17-22, 36-37, 40-43, and 45 are cancelled. The foregoing amendments are taken in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicant would otherwise be entitled in view of the prior art.

Further, by the present amendment, it does not follow that the amended claims have become so perfect in their description that no one could devise an equivalent. After amendment, as before, limitations in the ability to describe the present invention in language in the patent claims naturally prevent the Applicants from capturing every nuance of the invention or describing with complete precision the range of its novelty or every possible equivalent. See, Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002). Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicants would otherwise be entitled.

A. Declaration

A supplemental reissue declaration is submitted herewith. The supplemental declaration contains the acceptable "Errors" statement. Applicants believe that the supplemental declaration is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 and respectfully request entry of the declaration and withdrawal of the rejection.

B. Amendments

The Office action suggests that the amendments to the claims do not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b), without acquiescence to this suggestion Applicants have amended the claims. Applicants believe that the claims are in the proper format under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b) are respectfully request entry of the amendments and the claims allowed.

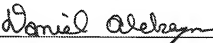
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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